

Senate Resolution 747

By: Senator Seabaugh of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Paul R. McKnight; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. Paul R. McKnight on March 22, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight was born on September 11, 1925, in Senoia, Georgia, the
5 beloved son of the late Paul and Kathleen Fowler McKnight; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from the Brantley Institute of Senoia before joining the United
7 States Army to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a First Sergeant
8 under General George S. Patton during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, after the war Mr. McKnight returned home to Senoia and rejoined his family
10 farm and cotton business and began his life-long dedication to the public school system; and

11 WHEREAS, for 31 years he served on the Coweta County Board of Education, years where
12 he was instrumental in the peaceful desegregation of Coweta County's schools; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight was committed to uplifting his community as evidenced by his
14 outstanding service as a member of the Senoia Lions Club, on the Senoia City Council, and
15 for the board of directors of Bank of Coweta and Farmers & Merchants Bank; and

16 WHEREAS, known for his beaming smile, Mr. McKnight was named the 2006 Cattleman
17 of the Year by the Cattlemen's Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight was united in love and marriage to his wife, Totsie, for nearly
19 61 wonderful years, and he was blessed with six children and numerous grandchildren and
20 great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man who loved hosting a good barbeque, Mr.
25 McKnight will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal
26 husband, father, neighbor, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
27 knowing him.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Paul R. McKnight and express their deepest and
30 most sincere regret at his passing.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Paul R. McKnight.